



THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.



Bishop's Visitation on September 21st Thoughts on the Baptismal Covenant

On Sunday, September 21st, Bishop Jeff Fisher will make his visitation at Trinity. He will be with us at the 10:30 AM service and will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Confirmation and receive new members into the Episcopal Church from other branches of the Christian family. A reception will be held in the parish hall at 9:15 AM in honor of those being confirmed and received.

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas is led by a team of five bishops. We believe that they are successors of the apostles, who continue the eyewitness testimony to the resurrection of Jesus and work alongside the rest of us to continue his mission of love today.

Every time we celebrate Holy Baptism or Holy Confirmation, we all renew our Baptismal Covenant together. Among other things, we promise to “seek and serve Christ in ALL persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.” In the month of September, in particular, I am conscious of this, because I was baptized on the Feast of the Holy Cross (September 14), right before my twenty-third birthday. I made these promises, and I meant them.

I had grown up in a nominally Christian, but unchurched, household. At first, my conversion was intellectual. It was in my sophomore year of college that I first encountered serious thinking by Christians. This began with the assignments for a medieval philosophy course, which led to a close reading of Augustine’s *Confessions* and to coursework in Reformation history, the Old Testament, and Christian theology. But something deeper began to stir in me, when I began to read the Bible. I began to attend church weekly, then daily. I became a fixture at daily Morning Prayer in our college chapel, where we used a service based on the 1928 Prayer Book. Through the Scriptures and through the life of that congregation, the Spirit began to work in me, so that I gave my life to Jesus.

The key moment in the whole process came one morning. It didn’t happen in church but out in the streets. I was walking along a tree-lined avenue, when I saw a homeless man. It was the late 1980’s. Throughout that decade, the homeless population exploded, as mental health centers shut their doors and homeless veterans and others were cast out into the cold to fend for themselves. There were hundreds of unhoused people, not more than a few blocks from where I lived. Anyway, there this man stood in a local laundromat, stripped half-naked, washing the only clothes he had. It occurred to me that he was precisely the kind of person with whom Jesus spent most of his time. It also struck me that, according to the Gospel, this man was Christ himself.

Beloved, if we want to find Jesus, we must find him in the poor and most vulnerable. We must walk with them on the road they walk. We must share their struggles and burdens. We must do what we can to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and clothe the naked. We must visit those who are sick or in prison. We must do what we can to create a more just and merciful society, in which all can “provide for themselves and their families with dignity.” That is what following Jesus is all about.

Fr. Bill+

TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Bill Carroll, Rector
The Reverend Vivian Shelby, Associate Rector
Cindy Verhalen, TST Head of School
Rachel White, Youth and Family Minister
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries
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Valerie Ibeji, Wesley Linseisen, Gail Martin, John Michaels

MISSION OF THE MONTH



Founded in 2017, the East Texas Alzheimer's Alliance (ETAA) is a vibrant consortium of **local** community organizations and individuals. The mission of ETAA is to **immediately** improve the lives of caregivers and patients in **East Texas** affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. **They place a special emphasis on caring for the caregiver.** They accomplish this by offering caregiver support groups, granting respite care funds, hosting workshops on normal versus abnormal aging, facilitating conferences on how to navigate local medical and financial resources, educating the public on the need to eliminate mental health stigmas, and so much more.

Your support of ETAA enables the advancement of their mission of assisting neighbors and friends, right here in East Texas, by asking new questions, providing better solutions, creating fresh approaches, and ultimately, seeking the best **immediate and local** care and support for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Pastoral Care Needs?

Please call Fr. Bill Carroll or Mother Vivian Shelby with any Pastoral Care needs. As well, please keep them informed of any pastoral issues that they may need to know about.

You can reach them at any time:

Father Bill Cell - (903) 399-1190

Mother Vivian Cell - (832) 846-7072

frbill@trinityparish.org / mothervivian@trinityparish.org

They will be glad to receive phone calls up to 10:00 PM for general issues and at any time for an emergency. Please use your discretion for items that can wait until normal business hours. But, please err on the side of calling or texting for any issues you feel need their urgent attention.



Children's Church meets during the 10:30 AM service and is led by our Youth and Family Minister, Rachel White. Children beyond nursery age are always welcome in the service and invited to sit with their parents in church. For more information about Children's Church, please contact Rachel White - rwhite@trinityparish.org

Nursery start date to be announced.



All ladies of Trinity are welcome to join us for the FAITH Bible study starting back in September.

When: Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Where: Library

What are we studying: We will be doing a study using the book *Craving Community: A Study on Friendship* based on Proverbs 17. Books are \$10 and will be available on the first meeting on September 4th.

Facilitators: Elise Hill and Vicky Bright.

Please RSVP to Elise Hill at (903) 736-5176

Or Vicki Bright at (903) 738-6752

The Service of Compline

Sung by the Men's Compline Choir

September 14th • 8:30 PM

Reception following in Guild Hall



SEPTEMBER PARISH EVENTS

Daughters of the King

Monday, September 8th • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

Compline

Sunday, September 14th • 8:30 PM • Nave

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, September 16th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, September 21st • During the 10:30 AM Service

Fall Kick-Off Event

Sunday, September 28th • 3:00 - 6:00 PM • Trinity School

WEEKLY

Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

Spirituality Group

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM • Guild Hall

Crochet Group

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Inquirer's Class

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

FAITH Women's Bible study

Thursdays at 6:00 PM • Library

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Judy Thomas (9/01)	Richard Joos (9/20)
Rachel Jones (9/04)	Kate Sparks (9/20)
Elaine Figert (9/05)	Richard Kuna (9/21)
Jana Tiefenwerth (9/05)	Bill Bane (9/21)
Tali Wilkinson (9/06)	Gail Martin (9/22)
Charles Miller (9/06)	Jim Sawyer (9/22)
Chris Grotemat (9/10)	Trudy Godsey (9/22)
Jack Welge (9/12)	Paula Howard (9/22)
Skylar Carney (9/13)	Dickens Wilkinson (9/22)
John Michaels (9/15)	Dianne Conoly (9/23)
Shirley Griffin (9/15)	Eleanor Byrd (9/25)
Margaret Miller (9/15)	Mike Richardson (9/28)
Cherisa York (9/16)	Trudy Taylor (9/28)
David Houston (9/16)	John Hall (9/29)
Tommy Lloyd (9/16)	Blake Scott (9/30)
Amy Spears (9/18)	

John and Dee Anne Sloan (9/01)
 Bob and Jeanne Mann (9/11)
 David and Tricha Wilcox (9/18)
 Jim and Vivian Shelby (9/28)
 Rusty and Juanita Tucker (9/30)

Calling all Singers!!



To the Chancel Choir!

Our choir will return on September 7th and we would like to add more voices. If you would be interested in singing with us, please contact Bill Bane for more information. Some singing experience is helpful, but not required. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. We hope you will join us!

Email Bill at bbane@trinityparish.org

Call Bill at (903) 452-9075



If you have a child, grandchild, or niece or nephew that is 4th/5th grade and older, we would love to have them join our acolyte ranks! Summer is a great time to train and get ready for the school year. Acolytes typically serve on a once-a-month rotation, so the time commitment is relatively low. If you are interested, please contact Tovah Robertson at 903-452-6758.

Trinity Service Calendar

September 2025 – Lectionary Year C

Date	September 7, 2025 13th Sunday after Pentecost	September 14, 2025 14th Sunday after Pentecost	September 21, 2025 15th Sunday after Pentecost	September 28, 2025 16th Sunday after Pentecost
1 st Reading Psalm 2 nd Reading Gospel	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-11 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 1131 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Amos 6:1a,4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
Altar Guild	Collins Team	Charles Team	Sticher Team	Matteson Team
Coffee Hour	Bill B.	Cherry S.	<i>Bishop's Reception</i>	Michelle G.
Flower Delivery	Christine P.	Dot & Charles F.	Karen F.	TBA
8:00 AM				
Verger	Dinah R.	Sallie T.	Rusty T.	Dinah R.
Ushers	Bill & Patsy C.	Rusty & Juanita T.	Peters Team	Thomas Team
L. E. M.	Gayland R.	Bill C.	Mike A.	Jack W.
10:30 AM				
Verger	Rocio M.	Scott J.	Bill K.	Rocio M.
Ushers	Gray/Pryor	Howard	Tate	Martin/Sikes
Readers	Trevor E.	Tricha W.	Richard J.	Jessica & MA W.
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Sammy Y.	Jim S.	Alan R.	Richard J.
Acolytes	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2

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